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Sir:

Listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449 are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. A copy of each of these documents is provided. The numbering of documents on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 is a continuation of the numbering used in Applicants' Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed in the present matter on April 9, 2002, via Certificate of Mailing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8.

Where the publication date of a listed document does not provide a month of publication, the year of publication of the listed document is sufficiently earlier than the effective U.S. filing date and any foreign priority date so that the month of publication is not in issue. Applicants have listed publication dates on the attached PTO-1449 based on information presently available to the undersigned. However, the listed publication dates should not be construed as an admission that the information was actually published on the date indicated.

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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449, and to indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

This Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. Fee payment of \$180.00 for consideration of the information contained herein (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(c) and 1.17(p)) is included in our check no. 36711. The U.S. Patent and Trademark

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